When a boy was fairly bright and was expected to pass the Matriculation in the thirteenth or fourteenth year of age, his age was generally given about 1 or 2 years in advance so as to allow him time to enter service. That has happened especially in one or two districts of the Madras Presidency with which I am acquainted, for instance, the Tanjore and Trichinopoly districts. The age certificates from schools in these two districts could not be relied upon. On the other hand, if a boy is not bright enough and if he is expected to fail twice in the Matriculation, twice in the Intermediate and twice in the B.A., they wanted to give a fair margin of 6 years in order to allow him time to enter service before the 25th year of age. Sometimes such people had the misfortune of seeing the younger brother retiring earlier than the elder brother. It is rather embarrassing both to the younger and elder brothers and the Government. So, rather than give way to the psychological idiosyncrasies of the people the Government thought they might be given an opportunity to make up their minds within a specified time what age they would prefer to have. Of course they will have to produce sufficient evidence. It was a misfortune to see horoscopes manufactured and baptismal certificates which were sometimes forgeries were produced. Four or five cases have come up before me and similar cases have taken place in Madras also. Not all Hindu astrologers or officials in charge of baptismal records are very strict; even they are sometimes human. Therefore it is the unfortunate duty of Government in each case to find out whether the horoscope can be accepted or the baptismal certificate or university certificate. They have tried to find it out, they have very often failed. Perhaps their decisions are wrong, but they have to take action.

SADASYATILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI: Was there any man who has been prosecuted?

PRESIDENT: As far as possible, Government do not wish to prosecute anybody during the transition period. They think it is better to ask the officers concerned to make up their minds. The head of the administration has some times sent for them and stated to them, "It is better for you to retire than for the Government to prosecute you".

Industrial Loans.

179. ***MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Industrial loans granted during the year 1117; and

(*b*) the amount and the persons to whom these loans were given in each case?

MR. E. I. CHACKO: (*a*) Two.

(*b*) Mathai Yohannan, Kanni Rs. 50.

M. Viakappan Nadar, Eraniel Rs. 250.

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MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : രണ്ടു ഇൻഡസ്ട്രിയൽ ലോൺ മാത്രം, അതും ൫൦൦ രൂപയ്ക്ക്, കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതായി കാണുന്നു. അങ്ങനെ വന്നതു് വേറെ അപേക്ഷകന്മാർ ഇല്ലാഞ്ഞിട്ടാണോ?

MR. E. I. CHACKO : അപേക്ഷകരം ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. എന്നാൽ ഇത്തരം വ്യവസായവായ്പകരം കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനു ചില വ്യവസ്ഥകരം ഉണ്ടു്. സെക്യൂറിറ്റി ആയിട്ടു കൊടുക്കുന്ന വസ്തുവിന്റെ വിലയുടെ—റവന്യൂ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരാണു വില നിശ്ചയിക്കുന്നതു്—പകുതി രൂപാ മാത്രമെ വ്യവസായ വായ്പയായിട്ടു കൊടുക്കാൻ നിവൃത്തിയുള്ളൂ. വസ്തുവിനു വില കുറഞ്ഞാൽ അതനുസരിച്ചു തുകയും കുറയും. വേറെ ചില സന്ദർഭങ്ങളിൽ ആവശ്യക്കാർ മുൻബാദ്ധ്യതയുള്ള വസ്തുക്കളാണു സെക്യൂറിറ്റിയായി തരുന്നതു്. മുൻബാദ്ധ്യതയുള്ള വസ്തുക്കളെ അങ്ങനെ സ്വീകരിക്കാൻ പാടില്ല എന്നു വ്യവസ്ഥയുണ്ടു്. ഈ രൂപത്തിൽ പല അപേക്ഷകളും തള്ളിപ്പോകാൻ ഇടയുണ്ടു്. ക്രമാതെ, അപേക്ഷകരം കൊടുത്തതിനുശേഷം വേറെ തരത്തിൽ പണം കിട്ടിക്കഴിഞ്ഞാൽ കൊടുത്തിരിക്കുന്ന അപേക്ഷ പിൻവലിച്ചു എന്നും വരാം.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഒരുവനു് വ്യാവസായികയന്ത്രസാമഗ്രികരം ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതുകൂടി സെക്യൂറിറ്റിയായി കണക്കാക്കി കടം കൊടുക്കുമോ?

MR. E. I. CHACKO : കൊടുക്കും.

MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMAN KUNJU (*Nominated*) : ൨൫൦ രൂപായുടെ ഒരു വായ്പ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതായി കാണുന്നു. ഏതു വ്യവസായത്തിന്റെ അഭിവൃദ്ധിക്കുവേണ്ടിയാണു് അതു ചെലവാക്കിയിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

MR. E. I. CHACKO : അതു് ഓട്ടുവ്യവസായത്തിനാണു്.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI : May I know the number of applications that Government have received for loans this year?

MR. E. I. CHACKO : 10 applications were received out of which 2 were granted.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI : May I know the total amount earmarked for loans?

MR. E. I. CHACKO : Rs. 10,000/-

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI : May I know what is the total allotment in the Budget for this purpose?

MR. E. I. CHACKO : Rs. 10,000/-

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : വ്യവസായം എന്നു പറയുന്നതിൽ എന്തെല്ലാം ജോലികളാണു ഗവണ്മെന്റു് ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതെന്നു പ്രസ്താവിക്കുവാൻ മയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. E. I. CHACKO : കൃഷി അല്ലാത്തതെല്ലാം വ്യവസായമാണു.

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MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: അപ്പോൾ ഗവണ്മെൻറ ഉദ്യോഗ സ്ഥർ വ്യവസായമാകുമോ?

MR. E. I. CHACKO: അതിനെപ്പറ്റി വാദപ്രതിവാദത്തിന ആവശ്യമില്ലല്ലോ.

Cashew-nut Factories.

180. *MR. P. S. MUHAMED (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the cashew-nut factories in the State have been brought under the factories Act; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons for not bringing them under the Factories Act?

MR. E. I. CHACKO: (*a*) No.

(*b*) The present condition of the industry does not justify such a course.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: With reference to answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know what is the nature of the present condition of the cashew-nut industry that does not justify the bringing of the factories under the Factories Act?

MR. E. I. CHACKO: At the moment there is lack of shipping facilities in the matter of cashew-nut that is being kept ready for export to America. The very factories themselves are in need of assistance from Government because cashew-nut business is dull. The honourable members of the House may be aware of that after the recent developments consequent on war.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Sir, on a point of order. Is it necessary for the honourable member to make a speech now for answering this simple question?

PRESIDENT: That is no point of order. The official member is only explaining the position.

MR. E. I. CHACKO: Sir, there are no shipping facilities for exporting cashew-nut to America. Honourable members may know well that America is the chief consumer of cashew-nut and the factories that trade on this commodity are lying idle in Travancore. Under these circumstances this is not the time for bringing such factories under the Factories Act.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the plant which enables oil to be extracted from cashew-nut, will be exempted from the operation of the clause under the Factories Act?

MR. E. I. CHACKO: That is not exempted.

PRESIDENT: Is there any such plant in Travancore, now?

MR. E. I. CHACKO: Sir, there is one plant with Messrs. Pierce Lesslie & Co. at Kundara.

SADASYATILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI: May I know how the application of the Factories Act reduced the profit or loss of the cashew-nut factory?

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